क्या है । यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि इस मामले में निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जायेगा ।

Enhanced leave entitlement in BEL Ghaziabad

1536. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in one of its recent judgements, has enhanced the leave entitlement of the employees of Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad;

(b) whether the said judgement has not been implemented so far and the BEL employees are not being granted enhanced leave; if so, what are the reasons for delay in implementation of the judgement;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the employees have undertaken a fast upto death for an early implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement;

(d) if so, what action has been taken in the matter; and

(e) whether the judgement is also applicable to the executives working under similar conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court judgement dated 9.4.1986 has already been implemented and the employees of BEL Ghaziabad are being granted enhanced annual leave. However, one of the Unions had started an indefinite hunger strike (later withdrawn) when there was a difference of opinon whether the judgement should be implemented retrospectively or prospectively. On BEL's petition for clarification, the Supreme Court on 24-7-1986 has given four weeks' time for the filing of counter and rejoinder affidavits. Pending final decision, the Supreme Court has directed that the order of 9-4-1986 would be implemented only with prospective effect.

(e) No, Sir.

Manufacture of sub-standard T.Vs. by Niki Tasha

1537. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that sub-standard colour television sets are being manufactured and sold at exorbitant prices by M|s. Niki Tasha, India (P) Ltd.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the M|s. Niki Tasha Ltd. force the customers at the time of sale of T.Vs. to make a service agreement on yearly basis and charge Rs. 750 per year; and

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the functioning of this company so as to save the interest of poor customers and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) No general complaint of such nature has been received in the Department of Electronics. However, the matter will be further looked into.

Andhra Pradesh request for setting up of Marine Technology Institute

1538. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri N.T. Rama Rao, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, has written to the Central Government for establishment of a Marine Technology Institute at Vishakapatnam in that State; and

(b) if so, what are details in this regard and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has propose that Vishakapatnam would be a suitable site for the establishment of an Institute of Marine Technology. He has also suggested that as a first step, a Cell on Marine Technology may be created at the existing Regional Centre of the National Institute of Oceanography.

There is no provision for such an Institute or Cell in the outlay for the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Agreement with Arianespace for launching of INSAT-1C

1539. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 103 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether an agreement with Arianespace for launching of INSAT-IC has been signed; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the names of the countries which have space shuttle (STS) launch services and on which India can rely for its future launches of space vehicles and

(c) whether Government suspect any deliberate effort on the part of some countries to delay our space programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Launch Services Agreement signed between Department of Space and Arianespace on 26-7-1986 for the launch of INSAT-IC provides for a shared launch of INSAT-IC on an Ariane—3|4 launcher in January-February 1988 launch period. However, efforts will continue to advance the launch to the second half of 1987. The launch will be from Kourou, French Guiana by an Ariane Launcher. The fixed price for Ariane 'Standard Services' (in January 1988 economic conditions) is estimated as under US $ 33.4 Million and the 'Associated Services' for a 1988 launch are estimated as under French Francs 5.9 Million.

(b) Space Shuttle (STS) launch services are offered by USA only.

(c) No, Sir.

Development of detection and Decontamination equipment

1540. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 17th July, 1986 under the caption 'Chemical weapons' if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to develop detection and decontamination equipment; and

(c) if so, what other steps Government are taking to face any such eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the article published in the newspaper. Studies on detection of poisenous chemicals have been carried out. Our efforts are restricted to the development of defensive measures against chemical warfare agents. India is a signatory 1925 Geneva Protocol and we abide by it.

Reluctance of States to provide land for ranges

1541. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have of late been increasingly showing